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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the second regular session of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 25 to 29 April 1994

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the 1994 second regular session of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed timetable are shown below. Both take into account Executive Board decision 1994/R.1/2 on the calendar of meetings and the allocation of items for 1994, adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session held from 23 to 25 February this year, as well as other relevant decisions. They also reflect the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields as it affects the Executive Board.

2. For the first time in recent years, the country programmes will be considered and acted upon by the Executive Board without reference to the Programme Committee, which has now been abolished. The other items before the second regular session will also be dealt with directly by the Board itself as a whole.

3. In line with decision 1994/R.1/1, most documents contain draft decisions requested of the Board and the country programme recommendations are presented in English, French and Spanish. Summary records for the Board sessions have been abolished with the adoption of decision 1994/R.1/1.

4. In view of the fact that most documents were already prepared and document symbols allotted at the time of the adoption of decision 1994/R.1/1, the length of the documents for the second regular session and the documents bearing E/ICEF/P and E/ICEF/AB symbols for the former Committees could not be altered. Documentation for the third regular session, in September 1994, will duly reflect this decision of the Board.

5. Unlike the annual session for 1994, no separate meetings have been scheduled for informal consultations during the second regular session and the Board is expected to take action following consideration of each subject or cluster of subjects.

6. During the second regular session, three informal briefings will be organized from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. as follows: the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) programme (25 April); policy review for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (CEE/CIS) (27 April); and the International Child Development Centre (ICDC) (28 April).

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session and statements by the Chairman and the Executive Director

Brief introductory statements will be made by the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with decision 1994/R.1/2 of the Executive Board and other relevant decisions.

The proposed timetable and organization of work have been developed on the basis of previous experience relating to the consideration of similar agenda items by the Board, taking into account the time duration allocated to each cluster of items.

3. Report of the UNICEF/World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Committee on Health Policy

The report of the special session of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP), held at Geneva on 27 and 28 January 1994, is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.10. JCHP has made recommendations for endorsement by the Board.

4. Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education

The report of the biennial session of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (JCE), held in Paris on 14 and 15 April 1994, is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.13. JCE has made recommendations for endorsement by the Board.

In accordance with decision 1994/R.1/4 of the Executive Board, the question of criteria for membership of JCHP and JCE is to be discussed by the Board at the time of consideration of the reports of these two joint committees during its second regular session. Relevant information on the subject is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.11.

5. Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews

6. Regional reports

Documents relevant to items 5 and 6 are:

(a) E/ICEF/1994/P/L.3 and Add.1 to E/ICEF/1994/P/L.41;

(b) E/ICEF/1994/4 to E/ICEF/1994/10.

Some 63 country programme proposals for UNICEF cooperation, among other submissions, will be submitted to the Board for approval. There is a greater

number of "bridging" programmes in 1994 because UNICEF is working to harmonize its country programme cycles with those of the members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and, as much as possible, with national development planning cycles. As requested during the 1986 Executive Board session, in-depth presentations will be made in 1994 in respect of the country programmes for Brazil, Egypt and Zimbabwe. UNICEF cooperation will cover:

(a) Africa:

(i) West and Central Africa;

(ii) Eastern and Southern Africa;

(b) The Americas and the Caribbean;

(c) Middle East and North Africa;

(d) Asia:

(i) East Asia and the Pacific;

(ii) South Asia;

(e) Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States;

(f) Interregional and others.

As has been the practice since 1988, in order to gain time for the consideration of programmes and programme policy, the reports of the regional directors, contained in documents E/ICEF/1994/4 to E/ICEF/1994/10, will be taken as read rather than presented verbally. The regional directors, however, will make brief statements providing a succinct regional overview and comments on their respective country programmes. There will also be opportunities outside the scheduled meetings of the Executive Board for interested Board members to have informal discussions with the regional directors and other field staff present.

Individual country programme recommendations and regional, subregional and interregional recommendations are contained in documents E/ICEF/1994/P/L.4 to E/ICEF/1994/P/L.37. The summary of 1994 recommendations for general resources and supplementary funding programmes (known informally as the "round-up" paper) is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/P/L.3 and Add.1. The report on the use of general resources for projects approved for supplementary funding is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/P/L.41.

As was done at the 1993 regular session, the Board will take each full country programme recommendation individually rather than collectively, which had been the practice prior to last year.

7. International Child Development Centre

The triennial review of the activities of ICDC in Florence will take place in 1994. The report is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.9.

8. Reports on field visits by the Executive Board

In 1994, two teams of Executive Board members, selected by respective regional groups, visited Brazil/Nicaragua and Egypt/Morocco to observe UNICEF programme activities in the field. Reports on these field visits by the respective team leaders will be contained in document E/ICEF/1994/CRP.6. The Board may consider adopting appropriate decisions on the basis of their recommendations.

9. UNICEF policy for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States

In the context of UNICEF involvement in recent years in Central and Eastern Europe, CIS and the Baltic States, and in accordance with decision 1994/R.1/2, a document proposing policy review of UNICEF activities for these countries is being presented to the Board for action (E/ICEF/1994/L.12).

10. Greeting Card and related Operations - 1994 work plan and proposed budget

The Greeting Card and related Operations (GCO) 1994 work plan and proposed budget are contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.6. As the GCO budget year commences on 1 May of each year, the item is included for consideration at the second regular session. However, biennialization of the GCO budget in line with the regular administrative and programme budget will streamline future consideration of this item by the Board.

11. Greeting Card and related Operations - financial reports

The GCO financial reports are presented in documents E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.4 and E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.5 covering the period 1 May 1993 to 30 April 1994 and the year ended 30 April 1993, respectively.

12. UNICEF financial reports

The financial report and statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1993 are contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.7.

The report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding General Assembly resolution 48/216 is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.3.

Document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.8 contains a review of expenditures in excess of commitments and unspent commitments for completed projects.

13. Issues for discussion at the Economic and Social Council

In view of the special role of the Economic and Social Council and its relationship with funds and programmes of the United Nations, including UNICEF, as articulated in General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Executive Board may discuss issues of common concern which could be recommended for consideration at the session of the Economic and Social Council to be held in June-July 1994. The UNICEF secretariat will make a presentation introducing the subject.

14. Other business

In accordance with decision 1994/R.1/2, this item includes two issues, namely, the HIV/AIDS programme and the criteria for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award.

The relevant documents for the discussion on the HIV/AIDS programme are a report on UNICEF activities in this field (E/ICEF/1994/L.14) and the report of the Director-General of WHO and the text of a WHO Executive Board resolution on HIV/AIDS (E/ICEF/1994/L.15).

To facilitate the discussion on the criteria for the nomination and selection procedures for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award, as requested by the Executive Board in its decision 1994/R.1/5, an information note is being presented in document E/ICEF/1994/L.16.

This item also provides an opportunity for the Board to consider matters that are not included in the provisional agenda.

15. Closure of the session

Appropriate closing remarks may be made by the Chairman and the Executive Director, as necessary.

Annex

UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD SECOND REGULAR SESSION
25-29 APRIL 1994

Proposed timetable and organization of work

Monday, 25 April		
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Item 1:	Opening of the session and statements by the Chairman and the Executive Director
	Item 2:	Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work
10.30 a.m.-12 noon	Item 3:	Report on the special session of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy
	Item 4:	Report on the meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education
12 noon-1 p.m.		Consideration of action on decision 1994/R.1/4 relating to criteria for membership of JCHP and JCE
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 13:	Issues for discussion at the Economic and Social Council
	Item 14:	Other business, including:
		- HIV/AIDS programme
		- Criteria for UNICEF Maurice Pate Award
Tuesday, 26 April		
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Item 5:	Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews
	and Item 6:	Regional reports
	Item 8:	Reports on field visits by Board members to Brazil/Nicaragua and Egypt/Morocco
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		Consideration of programmes in Eastern and Southern Africa region (ESARO):
		- Statement by ESARO Regional Director
		- In-depth presentation on Zimbabwe

		- Action on programme recommendations
3 p.m.-5 p.m.		Consideration of programmes in West and Central Africa region (WCARO):
		- Statement by WCARO Regional Director
		- Action on programme recommendations
5 p.m.-6 p.m.		Consideration of programmes in South Asia (SARO) and East Asia and Pacific (EAPRO) regions:
		- Statements by EAPRO Regional Director and SARO Regional Director

Wednesday, 27 April

10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.		Continuation of consideration of EAPRO and SARO programmes
		Action on programme recommendations
10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.		Consideration of programmes in the Americas and Caribbean region (TACRO):
		- Statement by TACRO Regional Director
		- In-depth presentation on Brazil
		- Action on programme recommendations
12.30 p.m.-1 p.m.		Consideration of programmes in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA):
		- Statement by MENA Regional Director
		- In-depth presentation on Egypt
3 p.m.-4 p.m.		Continuation of consideration of programmes in the Middle East and North Africa region
		- Action on programme recommendations
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 9:	UNICEF policy review for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States

		Thursday, 28 April
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Item 5:	Consideration of programmes in CEE/CIS and the Baltic States
		- Statement by the Deputy Executive Director (Programmes)
		- Action on programme recommendations
10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Item 7:	International Child Development Centre
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 8:	Discussion on reports on field visits
		Friday, 29 April
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 10:	Greeting Card and related Operations - 1994 work plan and proposed budget
	Item 11:	Greeting Card and related Operations - financial reports
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Continuation of consideration and action
	Item 12:	UNICEF financial reports
	Item 14:	Other business
	Item 15:	Closure of the session